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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the office action dated 3/2/2005, the undersigned has today discussed by telephone claim 12 of record with the examiner.

The undersigned pointed out that the last paragraph of instant claim 12 defines that the seating surface is not connected to said means for supporting (an upper body) and moves independently of said means for supporting (an upper body) and independently of said base.

Claim 12 defines that the seating surface on which a person is sitting is moved by the driving means relative to the base and relative to the means for supporting (e.g. a backrest). The seating surface is neither fixed relative to the base nor relative to the upper body support.

The undersigned further pointed out that GB 2 171 610 shows in Fig. 11 a rocking chair. The back rest as well as the arm rests are attached fixedly to the sitting surface. The sitting surface is fixedly mounted on the legs and the arcuate rockers. The arcuate rockers, the legs, the sitting surface, the back rest, and the arm rests form together a rigid and fixed unit. When the chair performs a rocking motion, the sitting surface, the back rest, and the arm rests as well as the base

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